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SUBJECT: GUINEAN BILATERAL TALKS WITH SENEGAL DELAYED

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1. SENEGALESE PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF INFORMED CABINET IN APRIL 18 MEETING THAT GUINEAN MISSION WOULD BE COMING TO DAKAR SHORTLY FOR BILATERAL TALKS, AND UNDERScoreD IMPORTANCE WHICH SENEGAL ATTACHED TO EXPECTED MEETING. HOWEVER, MISSION'S VISIT HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S ABSENCE FOR SENEGAL FOR LAGOS ECOWAS SUMMIT APRIL 20-22 AND FOR WORKING VISIT TO IRAN APRIL 23-28 (WITH STOP ENROUTE HOME TO MEET WITH SUDAN PRESIDENT NUMAYRI IN KHARTOUM)

2. DESPITE DELAY IN FULL-DRESS BILATERAL TALKS, GUINEAN FOREIGN MINISTER Fily CISSOKHO ARRIVED DAKAR APRIL 22 TO PARTICIPATE IN ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. PRESS GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO CISSOKHO BEING GREETED AT AIRPORT BY SENEGALESE MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION KADER FALL,
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NOTING THAT THIS WAS FIRST GUINEAN VISIT AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL SINCE MONROVIA RECONCILIATION SUMMIT.

3. CISSOKHO TOLD JOURNALIST THAT "IT IS NOT EXCLUDED" THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES DURING HIS VISIT TO TAKE UP "THE PROBLEM OF RELATIONS BETWEEN GUINEA AND SENEGAL".

HE SAID THAT STATE/PARTY DELEGATION
HAD BEEN SUPPOSED TO COME ON APRIL 19 TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT SENGHOR, BUT GUINEA HAD "UNFORTUNATELY" BEEN
OBLIGED TO POSTPONE MISSING DUE TO SENGHOR'S TRAVELS.
(PRESS ANTICIPATES THAT TALKS WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR
"NEXT MONTH.") CISSOKHO SAID THAT MISSION" WILL COME
PRECISELY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES,
TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR (AND) TO REITERATE
TO THE SENEGALESE PEOPLE THE FIRM, RESOLUTE WILL OF THE
PEOPLE OF GUINEA TO COOPERATE CLOSELY, SINCERELY,
LOYALLY AND DEFINITELY WITH THE BROTHER SENEGALESE
PEOPLE."

4. PRESIDENT SENGHOR ANNOUNCED AT APRIL 7 PRESS CONFERENCE
THAT HE HAD DIRECTED THAT BUDGETARY ALLOCATION BE MADE FOR
OPERNING SENEGALESE EMBASSY IN CONAKRY.
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